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USSR EXPANDS UNIVERSITY AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

FIRST STATE UNIVERSITY IN TADZHIK SSR -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 231, 29 Sep 48

The first Tadzhik State University has been established in Stalinabad. Leading scholars of Tadzhikistan and from Moscow and other cities have been invited to join the administration and faculty. Two hundred students, mostly natives of Tadzhik and Uzbek SSRs, enrolled for the first semester. The university will prepare historians, philologists, soil scientists, zoologists, botanists, physicists, etc. Laboratories, a museum, a botanical garden, an astronomical observatory and other scientific units are being built on the campus. In 1948 - 1949 the university will have 12 departments.

UKRAINIAN SCHOOLS LACK QUALIFIED FACULTY -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 224, 21 Sep 48

There are now more than 130,000 students in the 159 higher schools of the Ukrainian SSR, which is considerably above the prewar figure. Many veterans of World War II are among these 32,000 students entering the first year course this year. There are nearly 13,000 scholars on the staffs of Ukrainian higher schools, 4,483 of whom have academic titles such as doctor of science, professor, candidate in sciences, and docent.

There are, however, some higher schools which have no instructors with academic titles. There are cases where doctors of science are working as assistants and senior laboratory workers in medical institutes under the Ministry of Health, and yet several higher schools employ persons without scientific degrees as department heads. Many scholars are concentrated in the large cities although there is a need for them in higher schools in the outlying districts.

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KAZAKH SCHOOLS GRADUATE SPECIALISTS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 180, 10 Sep 48

In spring 1948, 18 higher educational institutions of Alma-Ata graduated 1,268 young specialists.

The fact that 5,068 applications were received to fill the 3,250 vacancies in Alma-Ata's higher schools attests to the desire of Kazakh youth to receive higher education.

ECONOMIC INSTITUTES OPEN BRANCHES -- Kommunist, No 231, 29 Sep 48

A branch of the All-Union Correspondence Institute of Statistics which will have an economic planning and an economic statistics department is scheduled to open soon in Yerevan. The 5-year course does not interfere with the students' jobs. The institute will train specialists for national economic planning positions. Graduates will eventually be assigned to work as organizers and statisticians for the State Planning Commission and as heads of ministries, departments, and large enterprises. An affiliate of the Finance and Economics Institute under the Ministry of Finance Armenian SSR will also be opened. This institute has already received 500 applications.

TRAIN SPECIALISTS IN GAS THERMODYNAMICS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 226, 23 Sep 48

The utilization of natural gas planned for the power industry of Kiev and other cities makes it necessary to train engineering and technical personnel for power plants and industrial plants. The Ukrainian affiliate of the All-Union Correspondence Institute of Power Engineering has begun training specialists in gas thermodynamics. Eighty engineers of 38 Kiev enterprises are taking this course, including employees of the "Bol'shevik" and "Leninskaya Kuznitsa" Plants, the heat and power plant, the cable plant, etc.

The first group of 20 persons, who began their studies on 6 August, completed the theory course and are leaving for L'vov for laboratory and practical studies in the "L'vovgaz" Trust and other enterprises of L'vov, where gas has long been used for industrial purposes.

FORESTRY TRAINING FACILITIES EXPANDED -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 241, 10 Oct 48

Training of engineers and industrial directors for the timber and paper industry is being expanded. A new Forestry Engineering Institute, which will admit 200 students annually, has been organized in Khabarovsk. A forestry engineering department has been added to the Latvian Agricultural Academy in Riga. An All-Union Correspondence Forestry Engineering Institute, which will have branches and consultation centers in all forestry engineering and forestry management higher institutions, is being set up in Leningrad. The institute will admit 1,000 correspondence students annually.

A department to improve the qualifications of directors has been opened in the Leningrad Forestry Engineering Academy imeni Kirov. A Central Correspondence Forestry Engineering Technical School with study and consultation centers in 14 cities is being created in Moscow to train forestry workers. A technical millwork school is being opened in Kaluga. A total of 31.5 million rubles has been appropriated for the construction and enlargement of school buildings, workshops, and living quarters at technical schools.

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LABOR RESERVE SCHOOLS CRITICIZED -- Zarya Vostoka, No 189, 21 Sep 48

The number of labor reserve schools in the Georgian SSR increased from 36 to 58 last year. New schools were set up at leading enterprises and construction projects throughout the republic. For example, four FZO schools were opened in the "Gruzugol" Combine and two FZO schools and one trade school were set up at the Transcaucasus Metallurgical Plant which is now under construction. The number of students increased by several thousand.

One of the most serious deficiencies in the labor reserve school system is the large turnover of students, particularly in the coal regions. FZO schools in Tkvarcheli and Tbilisi lost many of their students as a result of the failure of local organizations to provide proper living conditions and industrial training for the young students, and also inefficiency on the part of school directors.

LIGHT INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS GRADUATED -- Pravda Vostoka, No 189, 22 Sep 48

A large group of specialists have completed courses at the Tashkent Technical School of the Ministry of Light Industry Uzbek SSR. Before taking these courses, they were all workers in the republic's footwear and sewing factories. The graduates will be placed in technical positions in light industry enterprises which are currently experiencing a crucial shortage of specialists. Enrollment of new students has been completed.

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